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## Mormons

### History:

#### Joseph Smith:

December 23, 1805, **Joseph Smith Jr.** is born, Windsor County, Vermont. USA.

1820, At age 14, Joseph becomes confused about which religion to join. He goes into the woods to pray and sees a vision of God the Father and Jesus Christ. They tell him that none of the churches are true.

1823, The angel Moroni appears to Joseph and tells him about the gold plates. And he translates them in 1827.

1827 Joseph marries Emma Hale. They had 11 children and six of their children died in infancy.

1829, John the Baptist confers the Aaronic Priesthood on Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery, and they baptize each other.

1830, The Book of Mormon is printed and made available to the public.

1836, The Kirtland Temple is completed. Jesus Christ appears to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery there.

Severe financial crisis and lost lot of money. Sexual allegations brought forth against Joseph Smith and they flee to Missouri.

1839, in the banks of Mississippi river in Illinois they acquired 18,000 acres of land and they built Nauvoo.

1843, Joseph Smith approved of Polygamy, he himself was married to 30 wives and at least 10 of them married to another man.

1844, he nominated himself for U.S President and he was later arrested and impending trial, but he was killed in prison.

1846, Brigham Young sees Joseph Smith in a vision.

1847, Becomes the leader and leaves for Salt Lake City, Utah.

1852, Polygamy was preached and practiced.

1857, US. Army and revolt

1857 Temple construction started and 1867 completed.

1890, **Wilfred Woodruff** becomes the leader and he received the vision and removed the polygamy practices.

## **What do they believe in?**

Mormonism, what Mormons believe about God. These are from their own writings.

God the father was once a finite mortal on another planet. After his death and resurrection, he progressed to become the god of this planet. God is an exalted man as we can become exalted men.

God has a tangible body of flesh and bones.

The father, the son, and the holy spirit are distinctly different beings who can only be in one place at a time.

God the father is under the jurisdiction of a higher god who also has multiple gods above him. God lives on his own planet near the star Kolob.

There is a heavenly mother as well as a heavenly father. They are our heavenly parents. We humans were born as spirit beings to heavenly father and heavenly mother in a pre-mortal state and raised from infant spirits to adult spirits prior to our mortal birth on earth.

Jesus and Lucifer are brothers. They, along with millions of other spirit children, were born to our heavenly father and our heavenly mother.

Heavenly father as a resurrected physical being had sexual relationships with Mary, literally to procreate Jesus.

Man has the ability to become a god and rule his own planet, produce spirit children as the heavenly father did.

Sex is an eternal privilege for good Mormons who attain godhood in order for them to procreate their own spirit children

to populate their own world, their own planet as god did. Polygamy will be the norm in the celestial kingdom.

There are over 1.6 million Mormons in Utah and over 30,000 of them practicing polygamy relationship even today.

<b>Mormons</b>	<b>Bible</b>
<p><b>Many Gods</b></p> <p>Joseph Smith taught, “I have always declared God to be a distinct personage, Jesus Christ a separate and distinct personage from God the Father, and that the Holy Ghost was a distinct personage and a Spirit: and these three constitute three distinct personages and <i>three Gods</i>” (<i>Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith</i>, 370;)</p>	<p><b>One Trinitarian God</b></p> <p>The Bible teaches that the Father is God, the Son is God (John 1:1; 20:28) and the Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:3-4); and that they are distinct Persons in the Godhead not to be confused with one another (Matthew 28:19; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6). There is only one true God (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10; 1 Corinthians 8:4).</p>
<p><b>God, Once a Man, Progressed to Godhood</b></p> <p>Joseph Smith taught, “<i>God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted man. ...I am going to tell you how God came to be</i></p>	<p><b>God Has Always Been God</b></p> <p>God has always been God (Genesis 21:33; Psalm 90:2; Isaiah 40:28). God is spirit, not an exalted man with flesh and bone (John 4:24; Luke 24:39; Hosea 11:9; Numbers 23:19). God does not change (Malachi 3:6),</p>

<p>God. We have imagined and supposed that God was God from all eternity. I will refute that idea, and take away the veil, so that you may see... [H]e was once a man like us; yea, that God himself, the Father of us all, dwelt on an earth, the same as Jesus Christ himself did..." (Ibid., 345, 346; italics in original).</p>	<p>nor does he grow in knowledge (Isaiah 40:13). There is none like him, he is unique, he is the only true God (Exodus 8:10; 2 Samuel 7:22; Isaiah 43:10; 44:6-8; 45:5, 21-22; 46:9; 1 Corinthians 8:5). (Note that though Jesus, being God, did become human in his incarnation [John 1:1, 14], this is quite different from a man progressing to become a god.)</p>
<p><b>Humans <i>Can</i> Become Gods</b> Joseph Smith taught, "Here, then, is eternal life to know the only wise and true God; and you have got to learn how to be Gods yourselves, and to be kings and priests to God, the same as all Gods have done before you" (Ibid., 346).</p>	<p><b>Humans <i>Cannot</i> Become Gods</b> Men cannot become gods (Isaiah 43:10). Man is a created being, unlike God who has always been (Genesis 21:33). God will not share his glory with another (Isaiah 42:8).</p>
<p><b>Humans <i>Were Procreated</i> in the <i>Pre-existence</i></b> M. Russell Ballard wrote, "Before the world was</p>	<p><b>Humans <i>Were Created</i></b> Humans are created, not procreated, by God (Genesis 1:26; 2:7). Our existence begins in the womb of our mothers (Psalm</p>

<p>created, we all lived as the spirit children of our Heavenly Father [and Mother]. Through a natural process of inheritance, we received in embryo the traits and attributes of our Heavenly Father” (Ballard, <i>Our Search for Happiness</i>, 70). Mormons also infer this from the pre-existence of Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>139:13). Humans cannot compare themselves to Jesus and his pre-existence, for they are not deity by nature, as is Jesus. He pre-existed because he is God (Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1; 17:5; Philippians 2:6-7). Jesus alone is from heaven, we are from the earth (John 3:13, 31; 8:23-24).</p>
<p><b>The Bible is <i>Corrupted and Incomplete</i></b> Gordon B. Hinckley wrote, “Latter-day Saints recognize that errors have crept into this sacred work because of the manner in which the book has come to us. Moreover, they regard it as not being complete as a guide” (Hinckley, <i>What of the Mormons?</i> 26).</p>	<p><b>The Bible is <i>Reliable and Sufficient</i></b> God has promised that his word, the Bible, would stand forever (Isaiah 40:3). We know that his word is true (John 17:17), contains wisdom unto salvation, and thoroughly equips Gods people for <i>every</i> good work (2 Timothy 3:15-17). God has given us everything we need for life and godliness (2 Peter 1:2).</p>
<p><b>Works <i>Necessary</i> to Live with God Forever (Salvation)</b> M Russell Ballard wrote,</p>	<p><b>Salvation is Based on the Righteousness of Christ</b> The Bible never interprets mere resurrection as salvation (John</p>

<p>“Jesus Christ accomplished two incomparable feats through His atoning sacrifice. First, He conquered death, and as a result all people will have the privilege of everlasting life with a resurrected body. Second, He suffered the burden and pains of our sins so that we might have the privilege of eternal life in the presence of God if we have faith in Christ as our Saviour and choose to repent of our sins and keep His commandments” (Ballard, <i>Our Search for Happiness</i>, 88).</p>	<p>5:29). Those who receive Jesus will have eternal life, but the wrath of God remains on those who reject him (John 3:36). While Christians are called to keep God’s commandments (e.g. John 14:15), salvation is in no way based on our own righteous deeds (Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:5-8). It is through the atonement of Christ that we are made perfect (Hebrews 10:13-18). The atonement took place, not in the Garden of Gethsemane but through his blood shed on the cross (Colossians 1:20; 1 Peter 2:24).</p>
<p><b>Hell</b> Joseph Smith wrote, “Those who live lives of wickedness may also be heirs of salvation, that is, they too shall be redeemed from death and from hell <i>eventually</i>. These, however, must suffer in hell the torments</p>	<p><b>Hell</b> One’s abode in hell is as eternal as one’s abode in heaven (Matthew 25:46). There is no second chance after death (Hebrews 9:27). At the final judgment, men either receive the resurrection of life or the resurrection of condemnation (Daniel 12:2; John 5:29) they are assigned either to heaven or hell.</p>

of the damned <i>until</i> they pay the price of their sinning, for the blood of Christ will not cleanse them” (Smith, <i>Doctrines of Salvation</i> , vol. 2, 133-134).	
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